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Re: Utility Patent Application – Small Entity Status  
Our File No.: 41556/04726 (RSI1P072)  
Invention: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR AUCTIONING SURPLUS PRODUCTS IN A SUPPLY  
CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK  
Inventor(s): George Henry Hoffman  
Anthony Frank Menninger  
Michael James Burk  
Daniel Sechrist

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office the above-referenced patent application. The inventors have assigned their rights to Restaurant Services, Inc. ("RSI"). This application is being filed informally on behalf of RSI without declaration, power of attorney or assignments, receipt of which we are awaiting from the inventors and assignee. The application as filed does include the required specification, claims and drawings necessary to obtain a serial number and filing date, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.53(b). The applicants claim Small Entity Status. The necessary declaration, assignment, power of attorney, and formal drawings will be filed subsequently, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.53(f).

The undersigned is submitting herewith the following as attorney for assignee RSI, and as agent therefor:

1. Patent Application Transmittal.
2. Application for United States Letters Patent (specification and claims).
3. 190 sheets of drawing(s).
4. Our check in the amount of \$ 355.00 to cover the filing fees.
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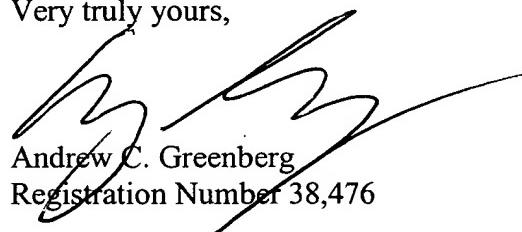
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Please direct all correspondence and telephone calls regarding the above-referenced application to Andrew C. Greenberg, Carlton Fields, P.A., P.O. Box 3239, Tampa, Florida 33601-3239, telephone (813) 223-7000.

Very truly yours,

  
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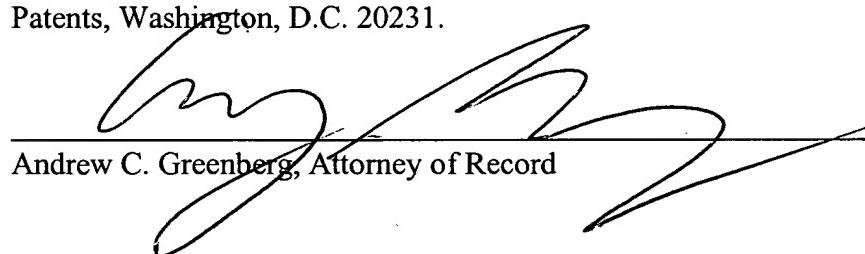
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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 41556/04726

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: George Henry Hoffman  
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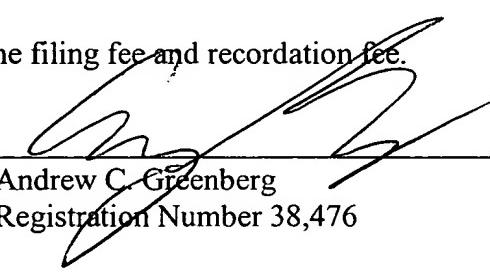
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- Declaration  
 190 sheets of drawings(s).  
 Power of Attorney  
 Assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant claims Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 Certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
 Information Disclosure Citation and patent copies.  
 Associate Power of Attorney.

CLAIMS AS FILED			
	TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	# EXTRA CLAIMS	FEE
BASIC FEE			\$ 355.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	0 @ \$ 9.00	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	0 @ \$ 40.00	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0 @ \$ 135.00	--	\$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE			\$ 355.00

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